

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

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For: PROCESS FOR PREPARING CARDIODILATIN FRAGMENTS; HIGHLY PURIFIED CARDIODILATIN FRAGMENTS AND INTERMEDIATE PRODUCTS FOR THE PREPARATION OF SAME

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

December 23, 1999

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 23, 1999, please amend the application as follows.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Page 1, before the first paragraph, insert --This application is a divisional of application S.N. 08/737,927 which issued as U.S. Patent No. 5,767,239, which was a national stage entry of PCT/EP95/02050.--

Page 5, between lines 16 and 17, insert the following section:

**--BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS**

Figure 1 is a flow diagram which illustrates the principle of synthesis using the condensation method, depicting urodilatin as an example.

Figure 2 is a representation of the fragments R<sub>1</sub> (SEQ ID NO:2); ANP (105-